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(SALT TWO-631)

THE FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON
AT THE SALT TWO MEETING OF APRIL 25, 1975.

STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR JOHNSON

APRIL 25, 1975

MR. MINISTER,

I

ON MARCH 12 I PRESENTED AN EXPOSITION OF ARTICLE V OF THE
US DRAFT. SINCE THAT TIME, THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN
MEMBERS OF OUR TWO DELEGATIONS ON THE PROVISION OF PARAGRAPH 3

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OF THAT ARTICLE WHICH RELATES TO THE LIMITATION ON INCREASES IN

ICBM SILO LAUNCHER DIMENSIONS. THAT DISCUSSION HAS SERVED TO CLARIFY THE VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES.

II

IN LIGHT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS, WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE SUBJECT. ACCORDINGLY, I AM SUBMITTING A SUBSTITUTE FOR PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE V OF THE US DRAFT AS FOLLOWS:

THE PARTIES UNDERTAKE NOT TO INCREASE EITHER THE ORIGINAL INTERNAL LENGTH OR THE ORIGINAL INTERNAL DIAMETER OF ANY ICBM SILO LAUNCHER BY MORE THAN 15 PERCENT. IN THE EVENT BOTH THESE DIMENSIONS ARE INCREASED, THE SUM OF SUCH INCREASES, EACH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ORIGINAL DIMENSION, SHALL NOT EXCEED 15 PERCENT.

THIS PROVISION PERMITS INCREASES IN ORIGINAL INTERNAL SILO LENGTH AND DIAMETER TO BE MADE EITHER IN ONE DIMENSION ONLY OR IN BOTH DIMENSIONS. IF THE INCREASE IS MADE IN ONE DIMENSION ONLY, THE MAXIMUM INCREASE PERMITTED IN THAT DIMENSION WOULD BE 15 PERCENT. IF THE INCREASE IS MADE IN BOTH DIMENSIONS, THEN THE SUM OF SUCH INCREASES, EACH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE ORIGINAL DIMENSION, SHALL NOT EXCEED 15 PERCENT. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FIRST TYPE OF CHANGE, THE ORIGINAL LENGTH OF AN ICBM SILO LAUNCHER COULD BE INCREASED BY AS MUCH AS 15 PERCENT. AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE SECOND TYPE OF CHANGE, THE ORIGINAL LENGTH OF AN ICBM SILO LAUNCHER COULD BE INCREASED BY 10 PERCENT AND THE ORIGINAL DIAMETER BY 5 PERCENT, FOR A TOTAL OF 15 PERCENT. THE TERM "ORIGINAL" IS USED IN THE PARAGRAPH IN ORDER TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ANY INCREASES IN INTERNAL DIMENSIONS SHALL BE MEASURED AGAINST THOSE DIMENSIONS THAT EXISTED ON MAY 26, 1972.

III

MR. MINISTER, I HAVE SUBMITTED THIS SUBSTITUTE PARAGRAPH IN THE INTEREST OF MOVING OUR NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD. AT THE SAME TIME, I MUST MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THIS SUBSTITUTE PARAGRAPH DOES NOT, IN ANY WAY, INDICATE A CHANGE IN THE US POSITION ON THE NEED TO INCLUDE IN THE NEW AGREEMENT, A CLEAR AND PRECISE DEFINITION OF A HEAVY ICBM MEASURED IN TERMS OF VOLUME AND THROW-WEIGHT. JOHNSON

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